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Subject: Comments to Commissioner Ness

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Bill Trunnell (ke6vuw@tstonramp.com) writes:

I have just gotten my Amateur Radio License 4 years ago from The FCC to Enjoy the Ham radio world and use with the Boy Scouts of America and the other 8 members of my family across the U.S. that were already licensed. My son is now studying for his test and his Scout merit Badge.

My concerns are for the future of "Ham Radio as we know it" and I am Asking you to help preserve this Time Old Tradition of Amateur Radio That has served this country for Decades of war, peace and emergency..

Two Bands of Amateur Radio are threatened by private Business who want to take them away from us as well as the technology and equipment we developed for their private gain. This is UNFAIR to us as citizens, But we all know money talks.

Please help us to SAVE AMATEUR RADIO for the Citizens That Volunteer there time to this great country and the World

For Years the Amateur Radio (HAM) community has been helping with Emergency Communications and Support to Local, State And Federal Government in Time of Disaster And in Past Wars. This is all done at no cost to anyone except the individual Radio Operator.

The Federal government has enjoyed our support for more than fifty years now, and does not recognize our value to this country or that of other countries of the world. We are there in times of both Natural And Man Made Disasters providing Support and Communications whenever required and sometimes the only communications Available.....They have tried to auction off our Amateur Radio Bands to the highest bidder without consideration of our ability to help in the future. Where would communications be today if it was not for the Experimentation of the "HAM Radio Operator ". It seems like the last few years Money is more important to the FCC and Private Companies that want our developed technologies because it is there for the taking and already in use for them.!!!

Amateur Radio is used in Space by the Govt. and will be on the Proposed Space Station, we have our own satellites in orbit that the Little LEO tried to get last year from us. We lobby in Congress to stop this but we don't have the Money to pay off the Law Makers that Big Business have..

Why couldn't a Law be passed by you to Keep our Bands and Frequencies for Amateur Use only and not be sold to the Highest Bidder. I'm sure that this would make the 600,000 Amateur Radio Operators in the United States happy and you can continue to use our help, votes and technology in the future...

KE6VUW
Bill Trunnell

From: John Verna [wa6cas@uia.net]
Sent: Monday, May 11, 1998 2:41 PM
To: Bill Trunnell; Denny Trunnelle; Ed Meyer; Jack Seidel (TST); Rick Kennedy (Uia.Net)
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Fellow Hams,

The time for action is at hand. There is only a short time to act on this.

It appears to me that they gave us less than a month to reply so that this would not have time to be published in the ham magazines, so we must use other methods to get the word out quickly. Please read thru the

info below, I got it from a remailer that I am on at home but I wanted to share this with all the hams I know. Each one of us must act or lose

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one of our most popular ham bands.

All you need to do is write a short note saying that you oppose RM 9267.

Send it to -

Secretary, FCC, Washington DC, 20554.

and do it by June 1st. Be sure to sign it with your name and address and

callsign.

73, Dave KD5FX

Greetings:

I know that this subject has been broached in the remailer. But here's some more info which was just brought to my attention.

First one from the ARRL, the second from WA6ITF & Company.

73 - Tom NOSS

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ARLB030 LMCC petition opposed

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ARRL Bulletin 30 ARLB030

>From ARRL Headquarters

Newington CT May 7, 1998

To all radio amateurs

SB QST ARL ARLB030

ARLB030 LMCC petition opposed

The ARRL is organizing opposition to a new threat to the 70-cm Amateur Radio band. The Land Mobile Communications Council (LMCC) has asked the FCC to immediately reallocate 420 to 430 MHz and 440 to 450 MHz from the federal government to the Private Mobile Radio Service (PMRS) on a primary basis. Amateur Radio now enjoys the use of 420 to 450 MHz on a secondary basis, and the 430 to 440 MHz segment is an international allocation. The 70-cm band is the second most popular of the hobby's VHF/UHF allocations, with substantial FM repeater and other operation in the 440 to 450 MHz segment and a variety of uses in the 420 to 430 MHz segment.

The LMCC request, based on "additional spectrum needs of the PMRS community," acknowledges Amateur Radio's use of 420 to 430 and 440 to 450 MHz, and suggests that ham radio applications can remain secondary to PMRS in those segments, but offers no explanation of how sharing could be accomplished. The LMCC says it believes the 430 to 440 MHz subband "is more important to the amateurs for use in emerging technologies such as links with spacecraft and amateur television applications."

The petition also suggests that equipment availability and technology resulting from an expanded PMRS presence on 70 cm would benefit hams "pursuing such applications as compressed video television in the 430-440 MHz band." The LMCC concedes, however, that its "most urgent need" for PMRS is voice and low-speed data applications, not advanced technologies which might come later on.

The petition also notes that PMRS already uses 420 to 430 MHz in three Canadian border cities (Buffalo, Cleveland and Detroit) and a "reduction in military use of this band is foreseen."

The LMCC also seeks allocations at 1390 to 1400 MHz, 1427-1432 MHz, and 1670 to 1675 MHz as well as 85 MHz at 960 to 1215 MHz by 2010.

Comments are due on the LMCC's Petition for Rulemaking, RM-9267, by June 1. Reply comments are due by June 15.

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MORE INFO....

From: BillWA6ITF <BillWA6ITF@aol.com>
To: repeater@repeater.net
Subject: [rpt] Newsline Version - 420 MHz threat: RM-9267 from LMCC
Date: Fri, 8 May 1998 14:07:50 EDT

Here is our Newsline version of the story. Unlike every elses, it gives info on how to protest and where to send that protest -- aka -- commentary.

I'll add -- do not look to the ARRL, W5YI, the FCC or anyone else for salvation on this one. ONLY YOU can save our ham bands. Do not wait for some 'annointing power' from Newington, Dallas or Washington to tell you what you already know. These are you bands. You and only you can protect them.

Learn to be your own leader instead of playng 'follow the leader.'

de Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF / Newsline

LMCC DEMANDS 70 CM HAM BAND FOR COMMERCIAL USE

The Land Mobile Communications Council has issued a demand to the FCC that it immediately reallocate of most of the 70 centimeter Amateur band over to private mobile operations with private land mobile designated as the primary user.

Technically the document is nothing more than a formal rule making request to the FCC that has been designated RM 9267. In reality it is more a demand by the LMCC for the FCC to immediately reallocate 420 to 430 MHz and 440 to 450 MHz away from the federal government and over to the Private Mobile Radio Service on a primary basis. The Land Mobile Communications Council is also asking for news allocations at 1390 to 1400 MHz, 1427-1432 MHz, and 1670 to 1675 MHz. It is also demanding a walloping 85 MHz at 960 to 1215 MHz and it wants all of this turned over to the Private Mobile Radio Service no later than 2010.

But LMCC is not willing to wait until 2010 to take over the

70 centimeter band even though this is the second most popular of the Amateur radio services' VHF and UHF allocations. Amateur Radio is a secondary user of 420 to 450 MHz. There are thousands of FM repeaters operating from 440 to 450 MHz and a variety of modes on the air every day in the 420 to 430 MHz segment. While the Land Mobile Communications Council petition indicates that it is willing to permit Amateur Radio to retain some sort of secondary status, this would be only on a non-interfering basis with the new commercial interests.

Experts say that the best way to kill RM 9267 is through a massive letter writing campaign to the FCC. A campaign that outlines the specific use of the band by Amateur Radio Interests -- informational filings that detail how every hertz of 420 to 430 and 440 to 450 MHz is utilized on a day to day basis by hams.

The commentary cutoff date on RM 9267 is June 1st. This leaves precious little time for radio amateurs around the nation to react. Those responding must be certain to reference RM 9267 at the top of your letter. Send comments to the Secretary, FCC, Washington DC, 20554.

Again, that June 1st as the commentary cutoff date on RM 9267. Comments go to the Secretary, FCC, Washington DC, 20554.

EDITORIAL:

This is actually an end run by the LMCC to get spectrum for free. Others in the same business have had to BUY the spectrum at auction. This is only the first in the pressures to get spectrum for free when others have pay for it. Their main argument will be that their spectrum loading studies indicate that these frequencies are used very little by Amateurs and a secondary use basis is adequate for the Amateur needs. Just think of it folks, all those phantom repeaters that are on the coordination books that have been blocking the real use of these frequencies will be our undoing. The other ugly fact is that the LMCC members contribute to congressional re-election campaign fund and the Amateurs do not.

These are the facts. The spectrum alligator is biting off chunks all the time. 902-928MHz has become useless with the addition of many other users. We are about to lose 1240-1260MHz. Every year we will see more chunks bitten off our spectrum. The argument that Amateurs push forward technology just isn't true today. The only thing we support is technology that is 30 to 50 years old. The commercial market has pushed technology and we have resisted. As far as the Amateur is concerned 1200 baud is good enough. Try that one on any 14 year old today and they will laugh at you. Ask most Amateurs what TDMA or CDMA is and you will get a blank stare. Our amateur community has insisted that the rules OUTLAW any technological progress. The last change was when SSB came in the 50's. The digital technology we support is from the 30's. Today we have to justify our usage. We can bicker all we want, others will only view this with amusement.

I think we agree on all points here. One suggestion I have for everyone here:

Crosslink! Take your 52, 220, 440, 1.2 pairs and link them, FULL TIME, to the busy 2m repeaters in town. That will at least get some voices into our under used spectrum. If people bitch, tell them to go talk on another repeater.

I'm sure all of these groups going for spectrum have spectrum analyzers in storage mode across all bands. Where they see quiet, they demand, and I think rightfully so, to use it for more productive uses. We've sat on our butts for years moaning about HF (which NO ONE wants) and contests (getting points for adding to congestion?) and CW (there's a bright idea, insist that people use the most narrow bandwidth to justify more spectrum).

Time to get the projects off the bench and on the air. I'm guilty too... I have a couple repeaters to install. Let's let this be our motivation.

Don't think about writing to your congressman or the FCC until you can honestly say you're helping the service. If you're on the same bands and the same modes as you were 10 years ago, YOU are the one that caused this situation.

Ray, KD4BBM

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